

Under the provisions of Section 413.031 of the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, Title 5, Subtitle A of the Texas Labor Code, effective June 17, 2001 and Commission Rule 133.305, titled Medical Dispute Resolution-General, and 133.307, titled Medical Dispute Resolution of a Medical Fee Dispute, a review was conducted by the Division regarding a medical fee dispute between the requestor and the respondent named above. This dispute was received on 8/12/03.

I. DISPUTE

Whether there should be reimbursement for psychotherapy report preparation – 90889 dated 4/21/03, denied as Global to another service.

II. RATIONALE

The MFG descriptor for the disputed services states, “Preparation of report of patient’s psychiatric status, history, treatment, or progress (other than for legal or consultative purposes) for other physicians, agencies or insurance carrier.”

The requestor submitted a copy of notes from an individual psychotherapy session but they do not indicate that the report is more than internal notes that would be used in preparing a formal report. Documentation of a “...report of patient’s psychiatric status, history, treatment, or progress (other than for legal or consultative purposes) for other physicians, agencies or insurance carrier.” is not indicated.

As the documentation supporting the disputed report does not fit the descriptor per the 1996 Medical Fee Guideline, reimbursement is not recommended.

III. DECISION

Based upon the review of the disputed healthcare services within this request, the Division has determined that the requestor **is not** entitled to reimbursement for 90889.

The above Findings and Decision are hereby issued this 9th day of January 2004.

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